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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-11 and 14-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-8 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9-11 and 14-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 9-11, 14-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
3. Claim 9 recites the limitation "the promoter region" in line 6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
4. Claim 9 recites the limitation "the perimeter gap" in line 18. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
5. Claim 9 recites the limitation "the gap" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
6. Claim 9 recites the limitation "the perimeter sub-region" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
7. Claim 9 recites the limitation "the distance" in line 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
8. Claims 10, 11 and 14 recite the limitation "the sealing body" throughout the claim. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
9. Claim 10 recites the limitation "the thickness" in line 13. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

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10. Claim 15 recites the limitation "the promoter region" in line 6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

The Examiner recommends that "promoter" be changed to --perimeter sub--.

11. Claim 15 recites the limitation "the body" in lines 14 and 15. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

12. Claim 15 recites the limitation "the thin portion" in lines 14 and 16. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

13. Claim 15 recites the limitation "the large portion" in line 14. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

The Examiner recommends that "the large portion" be changed to --large portions--;

14. Claim 15 recites the limitation "the small portions" in line 15. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

15. Claim 15 recites the limitation "the sealing body" in lines 21 and 23. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

16. Claim 18 and 19 recites the limitation "the sealing body" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

17. Claim 18 recites the limitation "the perimeter" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

18. Claim 18 recites the limitation "the window" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

19. Claim 19 recites the limitation "the cavity" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

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20. Regarding claim 10, the phrase "or the like" renders the claim(s) indefinite because the claim(s) include(s) elements not actually disclosed (those encompassed by "or the like"), thereby rendering the scope of the claim(s) unascertainable. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

21. Where applicant acts as his or her own lexicographer to specifically define a term of a claim contrary to its ordinary meaning, the written description must clearly redefine the claim term and set forth the uncommon definition so as to put one reasonably skilled in the art on notice that the applicant intended to so redefine that claim term. *Process Control Corp. v. HydReclaim Corp.*, 190 F.3d 1350, 1357, 52 USPQ2d 1029, 1033 (Fed. Cir. 1999). The term "substantially square" in claim 14 is used by the claim to mean "having a width dimension substantially greater than the thickness dimension", while the accepted meaning is "having a width and thickness being substantially equal." The term is indefinite because the specification does not clearly redefine the term.

Claim Objections

22. Claim 9 and 17 are objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 9, line 1, "any" should be --a--; In claim 9, line 5, "a promoter gap" should be --a perimeter gap--; In claim 9, line 5, "any" should be --a--; In claim 17, line 2, --which-- should be inserted after "expansion"; In claim 17, line 3, "to scratch" should be --from scratching--. Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

23. Claims 1, 2, 4-8 are allowed.

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24. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reason for the allowance of the claims in this application is that the prior art of record does not disclose or suggest a sealing member for being mounted between a vehicle cab and a canopy, wherein the sealing body has at least two pair of opposing surfaces and in which one pair of opposing surfaces contact a portion of the cab and canopy and the second pair of opposing surfaces contact another portion of the cab and canopy, in combination with the other elements provided.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

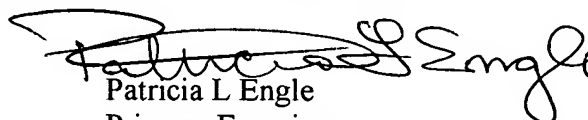
Conclusion

25. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patricia L. Engle whose telephone number is (571) 272-6660. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, D. Glenn Dayoan can be reached on (571) 272-6659. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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